

## Weather Report

Hard freeze tonight, lowest in District near 30 degrees, outlying areas near 26; slowly rising temperature Wednesday. Temperatures today—Highest, 44, at 3:30 p.m.; lowest, 32, at 6:15 a.m. Full report on page A-18.  
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# U. S. FLYERS DOWN 31 PLANES OFF TUNISIA

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## Army Political Ban Unknown To Roosevelt

President Also Denies Plan to Commission Mayor La Guardia

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.) President Roosevelt told his press conference today that he had never heard of the War Department order prohibiting Army men on active service from seeking or accepting political office. He wondered against whom the order was directed.

Mr. Roosevelt also declared he has no plans to nominate Mayor F. H. La Guardia of New York for a commission in the Army.

Recurring reports have had it that Mr. La Guardia was in line to become a brigadier general.

"These stories are sheer wool gathering," a reporter inquired at the President's press conference.

Wouldn't Put It That Way. Mr. Roosevelt said he would not put it that way, as every one knows the Mayor is anxious to get into active service.

Appointments of all Army officers to colonel or higher rank are submitted to the Senate for confirmation. Reports have been current that Mr. La Guardia might receive an assignment in North Africa as an administrator of Italian areas there. So a reporter inquired whether the President was planning to nominate a governor of Sicily.

With a laugh the chief Executive said he didn't cross bridges until he came to them.

## Gains by Republicans Mount in Michigan

Two Supreme Court Posts Still Are Undecided

(Earlier Story on Page A-6.) By the Associated Press.

DETROIT, April 6.—Republicans swept all major State offices in yesterday's spring election, making a clean sweep follow through on gains which last fall restored Michigan as a stronghold of the GOP.

Late returns today continued to swell Republican advantages as principal interest boiled down to a three-way fight for two non-partisan Supreme Court justices. Both Supreme Court incumbents, Emerson R. Boyles and Bert D. Chandler, trailed Neil Reid, 71-year-old Macomb County circuit judge, but his lead remained narrow.

Unofficial tabulation in 3,260 precincts of the State's 3,754 gave Mr. Reid 154,664 votes, Mr. Chandler, 153,421, and Mr. Boyles, 150,906.

With only an estimated one-fourth of the State's 2,000,000 voters casting ballots, Charles M. Ziegler, Lansing City assessor, grabbed the politically potent post of State highway commissioner from the Democrats for the first time since 1933, defeating Lloyd B. Reid, incumbent by appointment. Eugene B. Elliott, Republican incumbent, retained his post as superintendent of public instruction, defeating Edward W. McFarland.

In 3,222 precincts the unofficial count gave Mr. Ziegler 195,123 to 155,436 for Mr. Reid, and in 3,181 precincts Mr. Elliott had 209,494 to 127,357 for Mr. McFarland.

## Late News Bulletins

### Axis Says Raid Killed 2,007

LONDON (P).—The Berlin radio said tonight that "preliminary official figures on the American air attack on Antwerp are 2,007 killed, 603 wounded and 130 missing." "Hundreds of houses were completely destroyed or heavily damaged," it said of yesterday's raid.

### RAF Sweeps France

LONDON (P).—RAF fighters and fighter-bombers made intensive attacks on railways, airdromes and power stations in three extensive sweeps over France during daylight today. During the first sweep in the Dieppe and Le Treport area by the Canadian wing, German anti-aircraft fire destroyed what appeared to be an Axis ammunition dump, the Air Ministry said. (Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

### Axis Tanks Repulsed

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN SOUTHERN TUNISIA (P).—An enemy concentration of many tanks east of El Guejar near Djebel Berda, which was bombed yesterday, withdrew overnight without attacking, it was disclosed today. During artillery duels a forward observer located nine enemy batteries, and American 155-millimeter guns silenced all nine, destroying three 150-millimeter German howitzers with direct hits at 16,000 yards.

## Guffey Would Probe Schools' History Classes

By the Associated Press.

Charging "an appalling neglect" of American history in the Nation's schools, Senator Guffey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania proposed today that the Senate Education Committee make an inquiry to promote a more thorough study of the subject.

Declaring that the future welfare of the Nation is dependent on what children learn, Senator Guffey's resolution adds that "the present astonishing neglect" could not have existed without approval of educational forces concerned with direction of the schools.

"It is a well-known fact," he asserted, "that State legislatures have been interested in deleting chapters and statements from history books at the instance of certain powerful groups which are unwilling to have the public know the truth."

Senator La Follette, Progressive, of Wisconsin also called the Senate's attention to what he termed "the shocking lack of knowledge" of American history by college students.

## Unchecked Blazes Sweep Thousands Of Virginia Acres

1,000 Men Battling Huge Fire in Nelson County; Soldiers Called Out

By the Associated Press.

The Virginia Forester's Office reported today several large field and forest fires were still out of control at last report as hundreds of fire-fighters sought to stem blazes which swept thousands of Virginia acres yesterday and today.

Wardens reported to the Forester Fred Pederson at Charlottesville that 1,000 men, including soldiers from Camp Pickett, were battling a big blaze near Massie's Mill in Nelson County. Fire rakes, back pack pumps, hose and axes were sent into the fight with the fire which broke out at 1 a.m. today. The soldiers were quartered in that section.

New Kent County wardens asked assistance against a fire which was spreading along the Southern Railroad near Quinton.

Another fire on the Smythe-Tazewell County line north of Flat Top Mountain covered 300 acres before it was brought under partial control. It was feared more wind would cause it to spread further.

Caroline Hill Hard. Caroline County was hard hit by a rash of blazes which spread quickly. The Rand Clothing Store at Bowling Green was destroyed by fire which presumably spread from nearby forestland, and several hundred acres were burned over near Woodford.

Fire which started on the A. P. Hill Military Reservation and which was fought by soldiers, spread off the reservation into privately owned timber. The forester's office said a (See FIRES, Page 2-X.)

## Plan Offered To End Cartels' Output Control

Dewey of Illinois Suggests System For World Trade

By the Associated Press.

A plan designed to break down international cartels and thus open up world trade was proposed today by Representative Dewey, Republican, of Illinois during a meeting of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau with the House Foreign Affairs, Banking and Coinage Committees.

The Illinois member said the cartels' control of production could be broken by America pledging gold to an international bank and other countries contributing equivalents of critical materials.

"Such a bank could control the prices of critical materials, such as quinine, chromium and bauxite," Mr. Dewey told newspapermen after the closed joint meeting. "This would prevent production controls by cartels and open up international trade."

Mr. Dewey made his proposal after Mr. Morgenthau gave the committee a broad outline of the administration's program to stabilize postwar currencies.

Chairman Steagall of the Banking Committee said the Secretary had presented an interesting case, though the program was now in crude form and would require considerable study before mature judgment could be rendered.

"I think we've got to do something to put our vast stocks of gold to useful purposes," he added.

## U. S. and British Flyers Blast Burma Supply Lines

(Earlier Story on Page A-5.)

By the Associated Press. NEW DELHI, April 6.—British and American air forces, exhibiting increased aerial superiority over Burma, continued yesterday to rain bombs on Japanese supply lines, particularly along the great railway from Rangoon, on the southern sea coast, to Mandalay.

The RAF raided the railroad station at Rangoon last night, a British communiqué said today, and dropped 1,000-pound bombs and lighter explosives that left fires visible 60 miles away.

The raid came 24 hours after United States Liberator bombers blasted the Thilawa oil refining works just south of Rangoon.

A communiqué from United States headquarters said today that photographs showed heavy destruction in the raid Sunday on an oil refinery below Rangoon. A powerhouse, a distillation building and oil tanks were hit.



IT MAY BE THEORY, BUT IT'S ICY WATER—A detachment of American infantrymen leap into the icy waters of a stream somewhere in Alaska in simulating an advance under fire. Lt.

John Thorp of Mansfield, La., leads. Two men (rear, center) carry a machine gun and tripod.

—A. P. Wirephotos.

## Nation's Biggest Plane Base, Near D. C., to Be Ready May 15

\$20,000,000 Rush Job Will Defend Chesapeake Bay-Potomac River Area

By the Associated Press.

UPPER MARLBORO, Md., April 6.—A fighter plane base, described today by Army engineers as the biggest of its kind in the Nation, will be turned over to the Army May 15 for use in fending off any air attacks on Washington, Baltimore and the rest of the Chesapeake Bay-Potomac River area.

It's a \$20,000,000 rush job, begun last summer, and the great airport is nearly complete. About all that remains is to finish pouring concrete and smooth out the last details.

When everything is completed, the base will have more than 4 miles of 150-foot concrete runways and 14 miles of 50-foot taxiways, with accommodations for three squadrons.

It has been built in spite of cold, mud, bogs, ice—in spite of time itself—with some of the Nation's biggest contractors tearing, scraping, pushing, dragging and filling the 4,700-acre tract.

Of course, there'll be camouflage for the comparatively few buildings, which do not include hangars.

Engineers in charge of the 7,500 men working on the job—officially known as Camp Springs project, Meadows, Md., although there really is no such post office—said the planes would be dispersed and moored to rings sunk in concrete.

The idea is that no one bomb could possibly damage more than two ships, explained Maj. H. D. Nottingham, Army engineer in charge. He said more equipment was being used on the airport than on any other project, civilian or military, in the country.

And on May 15, Nottingham predicted, there will be just a few minor details left to be completed.

Which isn't bad, when you stop to think that the pouring of concrete didn't even start until last November 20.

## 7 Are Feared Dead In Crash of Bomber

By the Associated Press.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 6.—The Columbia Army Air Base announced today a medium bomber with seven aboard crashed at 5:30 p.m. yesterday at Sapelo Island off the Georgia coast.

The air base said it was indicated all members of the crew had been killed. Names could not be released until a further check and the next of kin notified.

The plane was on a return trip from Jacksonville, Fla., to the base here.

## Stranded Wife Killed On Courthouse Steps

By the Associated Press.

HOLIDAYSBURG, Fla., April 6.—In full view of a crowd leaving the Blair County Court House today, a man whipped out a revolver and killed his estranged wife, who had just received a support award from the court.

The woman's body rolled down the courthouse steps, police shot at and captured a man identified by District Attorney Chester B. Wray as Michael Musto, 45, an Altoona barber. A short time before the victim, Mrs. Mary Musto, mother of two children, told the court her husband had threatened her with a gun. District Attorney Wray said he would charge Musto with murder.

## Italian Cabinet Decrees Prove Only Routine

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, April 6.—The Italian cabinet met today in what had been heralded by the Axis as a highly important session, but the Rome radio summary of the results failed to include any decision of more than domestic importance.

Decrees were approved increasing penalties for black market operations and hoarders. Other decrees dealt with the status of reserve officers, war damage compensation and pensions for war wounded.

## Jefferson's Views on Presidency Stir Verbal Row in Senate

(Earlier Jefferson Story, Page A-1.)

Thomas Jefferson's views on limiting the length of service in the presidency caused a brief verbal tilt in the Senate today between Senators Vandenberg, Republican, of Michigan, and Guffey, Democrat, of Pennsylvania.

Senator Vandenberg had the clerk read a petition from the Michigan Legislature, calling for a two-term constitutional amendment, then said:

"Mr. President, just to complete this brief Jeffersonian ritual, I wish to read one sentence from Jefferson's letter to Mr. Weaver in 1807:

"If some period be not fixed, either by the Constitution or by practice, to the service of the First Magistrate, his office, though nominally elected, will, in fact, be for life and that will degenerate into an inheritance."

Senator Guffey, a strong supporter of President Roosevelt, told the Michigan Senator if he would go through the writings of Jefferson he would find many later quotations on the subject.

"I thank the Senator for his advice," Senator Vandenberg replied, "but he has run out on Thomas Jefferson so often in the past I am not surprised he is doing it today."

"In keeping with the immortal spirit of the great Thomas Jefferson, whose anniversary the whole Nation is about to celebrate devotedly," Senator Vandenberg said, "the Michigan State Legislature has just adopted resolutions in the Jefferson spirit and dedicated to one of the greatest of all objectives which Jefferson deemed essential to the preservation of American democracy."

"It occurs to me that Congress, as part of its share in this Jeffersonian celebration, might well dramatize its own fidelity to this basic tradition by making this great Jeffersonian anniversary the occasion for imitating the Jeffersonian action which the Michigan Legislature seeks."

## Moore 'Regrets' Gift Of \$5,000 to Former Oklahoma Governor

Senator Calls Action 'Indiscretion,' Giving Rise To a Misunderstanding

By the Associated Press.

Senator Moore, Republican, of Oklahoma said today he regretted having made a \$5,000 gift to former Gov. Leon C. Phillips of Oklahoma because of the misunderstanding it may have started.

The Senator told reporters today he considered the presentation an "indiscretion, because I believe to some extent it gave rise to a misunderstanding."

Senator Moore previously had stated that the money was paid as a gift without any obligation on Mr. Phillips' part. The former Governor recently told an Oklahoma legislative committee it was for "work yet to be done."

"From my standpoint," Senator Moore declared, "there was nothing improper, and nothing intended as compensation for any service."

"Yet I regret having made the gift at the time and under the circumstances, because a lack of understanding by people not conversant with all the facts may for the time being, to some extent, shake their confidence in my sincerity of purpose."

"The circumstances," he explained, were that he was Senator-elect and Mr. Phillips, who supported him in his campaign, was retiring Governor.

"I can understand," Senator Moore said, "how people might construe it to be an improper gift."

Later, he said, he probably will issue a statement clarifying his attitude in the situation.

## 34 of U. S. Ship's Crew Lost in Torpedoing

By the Associated Press.

BOSTON, April 6.—Thirty-four members of the crew of an American merchant vessel apparently went down with their craft when it was torpedoed by an enemy submarine early in March, the Navy announced today, after the landing of 35 survivors in Boston.

British warships picked up the survivors the morning after the vessel, a medium-sized freighter, sank. They were taken to North Atlantic ports from whence they were returned to the United States.

## Ship Launching Put Off

By the Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, April 6 (P).—The launching of the Liberty ship Charles M. Schwab, named for the famed industrialist, was postponed today until tomorrow because of weather conditions, the Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc., announced.

## Grand Jury to Hear Senate Evidence on Fake Ship Steel Tests

Recalled in Pittsburgh To Fix Responsibility In Faulty Metal Sale

By the Associated Press.

PITTSBURGH, April 6.—A grand jury will convene here Monday, a Federal attorney said today, to develop charges heard by the Senate War Investigating Committee of delivery of defective steel ship plates to the Government.

The committee, headed by Senator Truman, Democrat, of Missouri, received testimony at Washington two weeks ago that tests were "faked" on plates turned out by the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. The statements were made by employees of the company. J. Lester Perry, Carnegie-Illinois president, declared the failure to make proper tests was not known to the "highest management" and he intended to "clear it up" as quickly as possible.

United States Attorney Charles F. Uhl said the Federal grand jury session would be "largely based on matters developed by the Senate committee."

He added, however, that the Justice Department is making an independent investigation and "other companies may be involved."

The Truman Committee began its investigation after the tanker Schenectady broke apart January 16 at Portland, Ore.

Mr. Perry testified that the "plate at the point where the break began was not a product" of the company's Irvin works, where employees claimed tensile tests were "faked." The official expressed belief the plate in question came from the Homestead works.

## Nelson Opposes Plan For Civil Supply Office

(Earlier Story on Page A-3.)

By the Associated Press. War Production Chief Donald M. Nelson said today "no dual production programs—military and separate from civilian—can be carried out efficiently."

He made the statement in testifying before the Senate Banking Committee on legislation to set up an office of civilian supply separate from the War Production Board.

Although explaining he would prefer not to comment directly on the measure, Mr. Nelson said that if doubts were to develop about who is responsible for parceling out materials for production, "or doubts about the authenticity of each decision on parceling out, we would soon be faced with delays in planning and later on with chaos in the execution of plans."

## Commander Says Crew Wept When Told to Leave Campbell



SIGHTED SUB: RAMMED SAME—Comdr. James A. Hirschfield, commander of the Coast Guard cutter Campbell, today received the Purple Heart Medal from Vice Admiral Russell Waesche, Coast Guard commandant. Comdr. Hirschfield and one other member of his crew were the only men wounded in a 12-hour action in which the Campbell fought six German submarines, the last of which it sent to the bottom by ramming.

—Star Staff Photo.

A soft-spoken Coast Guard skipper told today how he was forced to ignore the tears of his crew when he picked those who had to leave the damaged cutter after it had rammed and sent to the bottom one of six U-boats with which it had battled for 12 hours.

Comdr. James A. Hirschfield reported on the U. S. S. Campbell's fight to Vice Admiral Russell R. Waesche to receive the Order of the Purple Heart for the shell splinter wounds he sustained in the night action last February.

"We had orders to ram anything German that was afloat," the baldish commander said. "We threw plenty of lead into that sub. I can't say whether she fired back or not. We suffered a 12-foot slit below the water line as a result of the collision.

Our engine room was flooded and the electrical system dead.

"We had to lighten her to stay afloat. The only thing to do was to transfer most of the crew to the Polish destroyer Burza, which had come to the scene from the body of the convoy. When I told the men, they cried and begged to be allowed to stay with the ship. It was out of the question, and we transferred 100 non-rated men and four officers."

"After the transfer we were towed to an Atlantic port by a tug which had come 800 miles through open sea without escort to get us."

Comdr. Hirschfield was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, but has spent most of his lifetime in San Antonio, Tex. In 1939, he received his bachelor of laws degree from George Washington University Law School.

## Speedy Vote To Sustain Farm Veto Sought

Bankhead's Move To Shelve Bill Opposed

By the Associated Press.

Senator Bankhead, Democrat, of Alabama abandoned hope today of overriding President Roosevelt's veto of his bill affecting farm price ceilings, and ran into opposition from Senator Bailey, Democrat, of North Carolina on his proposal to send the measure back to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

With the stage all set for Senator Bankhead to offer his motion to shelve the measure to await consideration at some future date, Senator Bailey insisted that the Senate vote now to sustain the veto.

"We are dealing with necessity," Senator Bailey said. "We'll either stand on our stabilization program or falter down the road to its wreckage."

Earlier Senator Bankhead told reporters the farm bloc was considering the reference to the committee to delay a showdown on a move to override the veto.

Admits Chances Are Poor. Conceding that the chances of overriding the veto "don't look so good," Senator Bankhead told reporters that several supporters of the measure had suggested that it be sent to the committee to await consideration at some future date.

Asked if the measure thus would be held as a club over the administration in an attempt to force favorable action on other farm measures, Senator Bankhead said there had been some suggestions along that line.

"I haven't decided yet what we will do," he said. "We are going to have some more conferences."

Administration confident. Administration leaders, confident they have the votes to sustain the veto, said it is their understanding that a motion to return the bill to committee would be made shortly and that it would be agreed to by both sides.

Although Senator Bankhead said the bill would be brought to the Senate floor any time for action, its return to committee would be tantamount to shelving it, observers said, since, of course, it cannot become law unless passed over the President's veto.

President Roosevelt reversed the procedure at a press conference today to inquire about what was happening in the Senate on the Bankhead bill, and when told of the plan to send it to committee, he remarked that that is one way of not having to come to your senses.

Administration lieutenants in the Senate said they were opposed to the attempt to send the bill back to the committee, believing they had the votes to kill it now and preferring to have it come to a showdown instead of remaining as an unsettled issue.

The farm bloc apparently could count on majority support for a motion to refer the measure to committee.

For that reason, administration leaders were expected to demand a roll call vote on the Senate on record. They indicated such a vote might not come until tomorrow.

Senator Bankhead earlier had appealed to the Senate today to override the veto.

After Majority Leader Barkley told reporters he is confident the Senate would vote to sustain the veto.

Charges Misrepresentation. Such action would kill the bill, designed to force price-control officials to ignore farm price ceilings in fixing farm price ceilings.

Charging that the measure had been misrepresented by "anonymous compilers of tables in the departments," Senator Bankhead said the bill would alter price ceilings on only a few commodities, such as corn and wheat. He said its over-all effect would be negligible, a view concurred in by Minority Leader McNary.

Previously Senator Bankhead had charged James F. Byrnes, economic stabilization director, with assuming the role of "the master strategist" in a backstage battle by the administration for more than one-third support it will need on a roll call to sustain the veto.

## Races at Charles Town Will Start on May 10

By the Associated Press.

CHARLES TOWN, W. Va., April 6.—The spring meeting of the Charles Town Jockey Club will be held from May 10 to July 3, inclusive, A. J. Boyle announced today.

Mr. Boyle, president and general manager, said the meet will follow the Pimlico meeting in Maryland and will precede a program scheduled for the Hagerstown (Md.) track.

Between 300 and 400 horses already are quartered at Charles Town and many more stall applications are on file.

## Markets at a Glance

NEW YORK, April 6 (P).—Stocks steady; low-priced issues active. Bonds mixed; selected carriers advance. Cotton lower; commission house selling and liquidation.

CHICAGO.—Wheat 1 1/4 to 2 1/4 cents lower on fears veto of Bankhead bill will be sustained. Corn unchanged at ceiling limits.